

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 13. (cancelled)

14. (new) An active ingredient combination comprising
 - (a) one or more of compounds selected from 2,3-dibenzylbutyrolactone and derivatives thereof, and
 - (b) licochalcone A.

15. (new) The combination of claim 14, wherein licochalcone A is present as an aqueous extract of Radix Glycyrrhizae inflatae.

16. (new) The combination of claim 14, wherein a ratio of component (a) : component (b) is from 100:1 to 1:50.

17. (new) The combination of claim 16, wherein the ratio is from 80:1 to 1:10.

18. (new) The combination of claim 14, wherein component (a) comprises at least one of arctiin, arctigenin, prestegan B, matairesinol, tracheloside and trachelogenin.

19. (new) The combination of claim 14, wherein component (a) comprises arctiin.

20. (new) A cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising the combination of claim 14 and a cosmetically or dermatologically acceptable carrier.

21. (new) The preparation of claim 20, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.01 % to 25 % by weight of component (a), based on a total weight of the preparation.

22. (new) The preparation of claim 21, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.1 % to 20 % by weight of component (a).

23. (new) The preparation of claim 21, wherein the preparation comprises from 1 % to 10 % by weight of component (a).

24. (new) The preparation of claim 20, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.0001 % to 5 % by weight of licochalcone A, based on a total weight of the preparation.

25. (new) The preparation of claim 24, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.001 % to 1 % by weight of licochalcone A.

26. (new) The preparation of claim 24, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.005 % to 0.15 % by weight of licochalcone A.

27. (new) The preparation of claim 20, wherein the preparation further comprises

(c) one or more polyols.

28. (new) The preparation of claim 27, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.001 % to 10 % by weight of component (c), based on a total weight of the preparation.

29. (new) The preparation of claim 28, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.01 % to 5 % by weight of component (c).

30. (new) The preparation of claim 29, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.05 % to 2 % by weight of component (c).

31. (new) The preparation of claim 28, wherein component (c) comprises butylene glycol.

32. (new) A cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising (a) from 0.01 % to 25 % by weight of one or more of compounds selected from 2,3-

dibenzylbutyrolactone and derivatives thereof and (b) from 0.0001 % to 5 % by weight of licochalcone A, based on a total weight of the preparation.

33. (new) The preparation of claim 32, wherein the preparation comprises (a) from 1 % to 10 % by weight of one or more of compounds selected from 2,3-dibenzylbutyrolactone and derivatives thereof and (b) from 0.005 % to 1 % by weight of licochalcone A.

34. (new) The preparation of claim 33, wherein the preparation comprises at least one of arctiin, arctigenin, prestegan B, matairesinol, tracheloside and trachelogenin.

35. (new) The preparation of claim 33, wherein the preparation comprises arctiin.

36. (new) The preparation of claim 33, wherein the preparation further comprises from 0.05 % to 10 % by weight of one or more polyols, based on a total weight of the preparation.

37. (new) The preparation of claim 36, wherein the preparation comprises up to 2 % by weight of the one or more polyols.

38. (new) The preparation of claim 36, wherein the one or more polyols comprise butylene glycol.

39. (new) A method of preventing or treating inflammatory skin conditions or for protecting skin in cases of sensitively determined and dry skin, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin.

40. (new) A method of preventing or treating symptoms of intrinsic or extrinsic skin aging and for preventing or treating harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation on skin, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin.

41. (new) A method of preventing or treating pigment disorders of skin, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin.

42. (new) A method of increasing ceramide biosynthesis, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin.

43. (new) A method of enhancing the barrier function of skin, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin.

44. (new) A method of preventing or treating functional disorders of skin appendages, wherein the method comprises applying the preparation of claim 20 to skin appendages.